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those buses. A fare of eight annas per passenger, as fixed by Government, for a single trip from Madras to Avadi was charged by these buses."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, whereas more than 200 buses were diverted from the mufassal to the City of Madras for the Indian National Congress Session, is it not a fact that because of this diversion of buses from their scheduled routes there was dislocation of traffic in the various districts. What alternative arrangements did the private owners make or what help did the Government sender to those people who were put to diffculties? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government are quite satisfied that public interest did not suffer by this arrangement."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question 1807."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a point of order, Sir. The last question answered was 1803 and we are now in 1807. I do not know what happened to the intervening questions and whether there is misappropriation of questions in our Secretariat."

MR. SPEAKER :—" They may be short notice questions and would have been answered earlier."

Closure of aided adult night schools

* 1807 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided night schools for adults closed during this year because of the stoppage of grant; and

(*b*) the amount saved thereby?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) One thousand three hundred and eighty-four schools.

" (*b*) Rs. 85,394 for the period from 1st October to 31st December 1954."

9-10 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the reason why these night schools were closed? What is the view of the Government as far as the night schools are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have explained this in detail during the budget debate. In the place of these adult schools, we have as a matter of fact opened 1,650 schools under the new scheme of adult education in the National Extension and Community Project areas."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the new institutions that have been said to be opened instead of the old night schools are institutions were pupils aged

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between 8 and 18 are admitted and pupils in between the age of 8 and 18 cannot be treated on a par with the adults who were attending these adult night schools?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why I explained in detail saying that it is better to prevent adult illiteracy rather than attempt to tackle adult illiteracy after creating it. Therefore, we want to see that people become literate before the age of 18."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" As the huge amount spent upon adult literacy is a criminal waste as it is spent upon a dying generation, will the Government drop the entire policy of trying to give literacy to the adults and thus save that money and concentrate only upon elementary education?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is the policy which is being adopted now. Now, the age-group between 8 to 18 is tackled. I do not think that can be called a dying generation as at that rate every generation is a dying generation."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" எட்டு வயதிலிருந்து 18 வயதிலிருக்கக்கூடிய வாலிபர்களுக்கு படிப்பு சொல்லிக்கொடுப்பதைப்பற்றி ஆட்சேபணை கிடையாது. ஆனால் வயது வந்தவர்களும்கூட சுதந்திரம் அடைந்த பிறகு உலக விவகாரங்களை அறிந்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று ஆவல்படுகிறார்கள். அப்படி ஆர்வமுள்ளவர்களுக்கு கல்வி புகட்ட இந்த இரவுப் பள்ளிகளை தொடர்ந்து நடத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question of conducting adult schools is quite different from making the adults literate. As a matter of fact, in social education audio-visual education is being provided for and other forms of educating them are being adopted."

Fund for tuberculosis patients

* 1808 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government maintain any Fund to help T.B. patients being given home treatment;

(*b*) if so, the conditions under which such help is given and

(*c*) the nature and extent of such help?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted a fund called the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund from out of the sum of rupees one lakh donated by the ex-Governor His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavanagar.